

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 313

By Brown

A RESOLUTION to commend Ashley Payne for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Payne is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Tommie F. Brown; Ashley 's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Fisk University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Payne has achieved academic success while double-majoring in history and psychology. She is on the Provost's List and in the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program, and she participates in numerous extracurricular and service activities; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Payne is an alumna of Southwest Dekalb High School of Decatur, Georgia, where she was on the Academic Honor Roll and was a Governor's Honors Recipient; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, Ms. Payne serves as President of the Psychology Club, as a member of the Fisk University Ladies of Rhythm, Agility, Grace, and Essence (RAGE) Dance Team, and as a member of the Georgia Chapter of the Big Sista's Mentorship and Etiquette Program; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ashley Payne brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Ms. Payne has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; well-grounded in the

knowledge of the role, purpose, and structure of the Tennessee General Assembly, she took every opportunity to learn the processes and knowledge necessary for the House Education Committee to attain its goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Payne's work was always free of error and completed in a timely manner regardless of the task; she prioritized, delivered on time, and was very willing to take initiative to help solve problems; and

WHEREAS, a mature and self-directed individual with excellent follow-through and a high level of accuracy in her work products, Ashley brought to her intern role an eagerness to learn and a capacity to work with challenging constituency issues; her exemplary written and oral communication skills conveyed an ability to communicate with diverse populations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Payne has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Ashley Payne for her outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Tommie F. Brown and extend to her our best wishes for every future success in life, as she seeks to change and improve the living conditions for children in this Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.